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THE NEWS FROM LONDON

The Country Now Deluged with Franchise Speeches.

Lord Randolph on the Warpath—Redistribution—South African Complications—Operations in Egypt—The Niger.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The general reading of Lord Salisbury's language at Kelo is that he declines to yield. The Peers are fast returning to town, and already there is a large gathering at the Carlton Club. Such discussion as has taken place revives the hope that Lord Salisbury will find many followers disappear if he leads them against the Franchise Bill on the line followed in the last session, and consequently the chance of compromise increases. The Standard and the Edinburgh Review among Tory journals, and several of the rank and file of the Tory party, both Peers and Commons, have pronounced for some form of settlement. Opinion grows that the controversy may end by the Peers putting into the Franchise Bill a date delaying its operation for a fixed period, in order that Redistribution may be dealt with meanwhile, and that the Government will accept.

LORD RANDOLPH ON THE WAR-PATH.
For a week past the country has been deluged with Franchise speeches, one of the most notable features being found in the deliveries of Lord Randolph Churchill at Birmingham, where the local Tories are not clean-handed in regard to Monday's riot, since they announced the meetings as free and open and then tried to exclude Radicals by a hocus-pocus with tickets. The disturbances have had great effect upon Lord Randolph, who has been laying about him in terrible fashion ever since. All the Liberal leaders have fallen under his lash, until his ferocity has culminated in calling Lord Derby an imbecile. In point of audacity Lord Randolph has already been voted facile princeps of British politicians. His fulsome eulogies of Sir Stafford Northcote, after their late contests in the House of Commons, provoke endless scoffing from Liberal opponents, who seize upon them to demonstrate the Tory orator's insincerity.

REDISTRIBUTION.
The Redistribution scheme published in the Standard, now admittedly official, has been considered by individual members of the Cabinet this week, the Tory press demanding, seeing that so much has been made known of the inclinations of the Government, that they shall place the bill on the table on Thursday. It is understood that Mr. Gladstone is unwilling to take this course, though quite prepared to offer full explanations of the scope and object of the Government measure.

SOUTH AFRICAN COMPLICATIONS.
If a man in the position of Mr. Forster were to move a vote of censure in regard to the Government's South African policy, Liberal wire-pullers admit that it would go hard with Mr. Gladstone. Naturally Mr. Forster is reluctant to take such a course, but all the same there may be serious embarrassment for the Ministry in this direction. It is not unlikely that some Independent member will take up the subject and force Mr. Forster into open hostility to the Treasury Bench, it being apparent from Mr. Forster's latest utterances that he holds his hand only because the Government consented to act vigorously in maintenance of the London Convention, and any sign of backing down on the part of the Cabinet would lead him to make the attack himself.

Considerable curiosity exists concerning the steps the Government contemplates. The report that they will dispatch Colonel Warren with British regiments is not confirmed, and indications would point to the use of four or five of the regiments now stationed at the Cape with certain assistance locally, raised. Such a force, it is not unlikely, would be directed by a strong military man sent out from this country. The withdrawal of the Boer proclamation annexing Montsias's land makes small impression, since freebooters still occupy the territory and there is no promise of compensation. Public feeling here strongly favors teaching the Boers a lesson.

OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.
The latest news from Egypt gives fresh hope regarding Colonel Stewart. Staff officers at the front believe him to be safe at Khartoum. Lord Northbrook, at Cairo, is winding up his mission.

The redirection of railway and telegraph revenues into the Caisse has been followed by the withdrawal of Italy from the action threatened against the Khedive's Ministers. It is possible that this may now prove abortive. Here, however, expectation prevails that the sinking fund will again be seized. Lord Northbrook has satisfied himself that it is impossible to wring more taxes out of the fallahen, and that, on the contrary, taxation must be reduced.

THE NIGER.
This further complicates the financial situation and gives additional interest to the Government plans shortly to be explained to the European Powers. England has assented to the colonial conference at Berlin, subject to certain explanations. These are satisfactory. According to rumor they relate to the British position on the Niger. Germany and France proposed to apply to the Niger the same system of administration and control as to the Congo, but seeing that the mouths of the Niger were lately occupied for England by Connel Hewett it is hardly likely that Great Britain would encourage this Franco-German project. The English Foreign Office, however, is by no means dissatisfied with the prospects for the Conference, since it promises to carry out Lord Granville's plan, advocated months ago, with the Portuguese in connection with the unfortunate Congo treaty.

THEATRICAL.
Mrs. Langtry has achieved great things as "Pauline." Manchester papers speak of her performance as a veritable triumph, quite worthy of Mr. Coghlan's splendid "Claude Melnotte."

Mr. Wilson Barrett's revival of "Hamlet" met with unexpected success, the tragedy being splendidly produced and Mr. Barrett's acting admirable. Strong objection, however, is taken to the changes which put the

part of the "Queen" in the hands of a young woman, and which led Mr. Barrett to figure as a mere boy.

THE LYTON LITERARY SCANDAL.
Lord Lyton is seeking to prevent the publication of his mother's memoirs. Legal journals hold that the law is in his favor, but the murder is out already and nothing effectual can be done.

PARSONS REPUDIATED.

Butler Calls Him a Fraud and Has no Use for Him.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 21.—General B. F. Butler telegraphed to-night the following from Batavia to ex-Senator Grady, who is in this city:

"I have read Parson's statement. There is not one word of truth in it. He applied to me some weeks ago for money to organize Maryland. I declined and told him my plan of campaign had been placed in the hands of Mr. Plympton, whom I warned against him. Afterward I refused to see Parson. Plympton told me that he had refused to have anything to do with him. I had heard of Parson's before and that he was a fraud. I found a letter here from Mr. B. F. Marshall, of Maryland, a member of the National Committee of the People's Party of that State, asking me to come to Baltimore, to which I replied this morning, putting him in communication with Mr. Plympton, and referred the letter to him to see if he could not find occasion so that I could go to Baltimore, as some change had been made in my engagements in Ohio which might give opportunity. This was done ten hours before I had seen the Parson's article in the Times, and before I heard of Parson's, except as above stated.

(Signed.) "BENJ. F. BUTLER."

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 21.—Colonel Plympton, Butler's political manager, arrived here to-day. He says that Butler has canceled all his Ohio dates "on account of logical engagements in Boston." He speaks in this State after Tuesday until next Monday, when he will begin his final trip through New York State. It looks as though Butler had been warned out of Ohio by one of the parties. Plympton says Indiana will go for Cleveland, and he predicts the success of the fusion ticket in Michigan.

THE TRANSVAAL BOUNDARY.

Failure to Appoint a Commission to Co-operate With the Boers.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—It is now hoped that the difficulty with the Boers will be amicably settled without resorting to extreme measures by the appointment of a British Commissioner, as provided for in the treaty to delimit and define the boundary of the Transvaal. The Boers deny there has been any breach in the London convention. In support of this claim they point to the fact that by the terms of the London Convention the Transvaal Government was to appoint one Commissioner, and the British Government another, to delimit and define the boundary of the Transvaal. The Transvaal Government appointed a Commissioner, but the British has not yet appointed one. Until these have been appointed and the boundary determined, the Transvaal Government will not be held responsible in any way for the actions of citizens now in the republics in Goshen or Stellaland, nor will it be responsible for the new republic in Zululand.

MR. VADERBILT'S GIFT.

Half a Million for the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of New York is the recipient of a princely gift. William H. Vanderbilt gave the college the sum of \$500,000 for the purchase of real estate and the erection of a building which shall enable the institution more successfully to fulfill the purposes for which it was founded. The gift is not intended as an endowment or for the establishment of "professors' chairs," but as a building fund; the edifice now occupied by the college being in many respects inadequate. Among many medical men there exists the desire and hope—which are fully shared by Mr. Vanderbilt—that New York should become the medical centre of this country, and that the New York medical school should rank with the schools of Paris and Vienna, and it is with this object in view that Mr. Vanderbilt has made this liberal gift.

PROHIBITION VOTES.

Whither They Went On Election Day in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—E. J. Morris, the Prohibition candidate for Secretary of State, was asked to-day about the Prohibition vote. "So far as the active Prohibitionists in Hamilton County are concerned, they stood at their posts," said he; "but there are plenty of men in Hamilton County who pray to the Lord to strengthen and direct the arm of all temperance men to cast their ballot to paralyze and prohibit the liquor traffic, and at the same time when they come themselves to face the ballot-box, conscience disappears and the ballot is cast for either the Republican or Democratic party, and afterward they say: 'I wish we could crush the traffic.' I heard a man say that very thing after he had voted another ticket."

DOG EAT DOG.

Tiger, of Cincinnati, Fatally Whipped, of Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 21.—A great dog fight, between Sport, of Louisville, and Tiger, of Cincinnati, came off this morning, on the Indiana shore, six miles above the city. One hundred sports went to the fight on a steamer chartered for the occasion. Tiger won in one hour and fifteen minutes, nearly eating up his Louisville antagonist. Sport will probably die. About \$10,000 changed hands. Tiger had the advantage throughout. The fight was sickening in its details. The crowd was very orderly.

The Covington Mystery.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—The inquest in the Madison murder held in Covington resulted in a verdict that the dead woman's husband may have murdered her. Madison wept upon hearing the verdict. He was taken from the jail and allowed to look for the last time on the remains. He wept again and declared his innocence. To accommodate the crowd at the funeral the casket was carried to the sidewalk and the face uncovered. Buried in the Cumminsville cemetery by her mother's side.

A NOTED WOMAN'S DEATH

Mrs. Mary Blackburn Morris, the Famous Confederate.

Brief Sketch of Her Earnest Career—Singular Story of a Dressmaker—A Wealthy Woman Implicated in Her Husband's Murder.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Mary Blackburn Morris, wife of the late Judge Buckner Morris, of Chicago, and the sister of ex-Governor Luke P. Blackburn and Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, died at the Blackburn Sanitarium Sunday, after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Morris was one of the most remarkable women of her time, and was known all over Kentucky and the South. She was the famous Confederate who assisted to attempt to liberate the Camp Douglas prisoners. She had passed her sixty-fifth birthday, and her long life was filled with continued and earnest work. She married Judge Morris, who had gone from Kentucky to Chicago, and was the first man to engage in the practice of law in that place, and was also the first Mayor of that city. He became one of the leading men in the State.

Mrs. Morris was warmly Southern in her sentiments during the war, and scarcely had Camp Douglas been converted into a prison for captured Confederates before she manifested her devotion in the most practical manner, visiting the prison and carrying creature comforts to the prisoners. Her residence in Chicago was the rallying point and hiding place for those who effected their escape. At her house Captain Thomas Hines, the present Chief Justice of Kentucky, was hid an entire day between bed mattresses with detectives searching every nook and corner of the place for him. When Captain Hines associates, in the attempt to liberate the prisoners, were captured, Mrs. Morris and her husband were arrested as accomplices and imprisoned for four months, during which time under the rigorous prison rules the health of both was greatly impaired and their fortune swept away. They were never arraigned for trial, but if cost them over \$50,000 to obtain a release, and in order to raise the money \$300,000 worth of property had to be sacrificed.

After the death of her husband, which occurred about five years ago, Mrs. Morris returned to Kentucky to reside with her brothers.

During the term of her brother as Governor, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Blackburn established a Sunday school in the penitentiary and accomplished much good in recalling many convicts back to the path of moral rectitude.

A Woman's Story.

BOSTON, Oct. 21.—The police authorities are investigating a mysterious affair in East Boston. Mrs. Marie G. Spaulding, a dressmaker at 63 Meriden street, has been a resident for twenty years, and is widely respected. A few days ago an elderly lady called and wished to select goods for her daughter's trousseau. After examining the articles, she left, saying she would return with her daughter. The next afternoon, a young lady who gave the name of Miss Mason rang the bell, accompanied by two gentlemen. They ascended to the rooms and examined the goods.

"I turned to go out," says Mrs. Spaulding, "to get a new piece to show them. Just as I turned one of the men seized me, and they carried me out into the kitchen, when they threw me down on the floor. My mouth was stuffed with cotton rags and my wrists were tied with rope yarns. The woman tied my ankles and a towel was tied around my head so I couldn't cry out. One man held me while the woman and other man worked. They took my pocketbook and \$25. Then one said: 'Let's give her a good smoking out.' After they tied me one of them said: 'She will never know what ailed her.' After they got through they left one at a time. As soon as they went out I tried to get myself free. I cut myself in doing it, and she showed her wrist. 'As soon as I got through I ran out through the room and saw my things piled up on the floor in a heap, and fire was bursting out.' An alarm brought the firemen to the house. They found a mass of costly goods piled up in the middle of the floor in flames. The articles had been saturated with kerosene.

The premises are insured for \$1,200. The police do not credit her story.

Removing a Husband.

MARSHALL, TEX., Oct. 21.—The notorious negro Anthony Walker, now under sentence of death for the murder of Wm. Henry, last November, has made a full confession to Sheriff Perry. Henry was a wealthy white planter. Walker says he shot Henry from ambush; that he was instigated to commit the murder by Mrs. Henry, who promised him 150 acres of land and \$100 in money. He claims that two other negroes are cognizant of the bargain with Mrs. Henry. Walker's confession creates intense excitement. Mrs. Henry never has been suspected of complicity in her husband's death. She has always stood very high in the community. Sheriff Perry, with two deputies, started last evening for the Henry plantation to arrest Mrs. Henry on the strength of Walker's confession.

A DIET OF PINS.

A Singular Experience of a Philadelphia Mechanic.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Hermann Kola, middle-aged German, was discharged yesterday from the convalescent ward of the Homeopathic Hospital, where he had been under medical and surgical treatment for eight weeks. During that time five ordinary round-head steel pins have been removed from his body. "My trade," said he yesterday afternoon, "is that of a cutter and fitter of furniture coverings. During the spring and summer I was continually employed in cutting and fitting linen covers for parlor furniture, and I used large quantities of pins, and to work more rapidly I held the pins in my mouth while adjusting the cover to a sofa, just as an upholsterer in putting down carpets fills his mouth with tacks. One day I swallowed about half a dozen as I raised my head suddenly to speak to a fellow workman. At first I was terribly frightened, but I soon found that the pins caused me no inconvenience. After that I suppose I swallowed as many as a dozen, in lots

-ranging from a single pin to three or four at a time. Early in July I began to feel severe pains and sharp twitching spasms. I thought it was dyspepsia or cholera morbus, and was treated accordingly, but without relief. The pains grew more intense and I lost all appetite. On August 21 I succumbed entirely and went to the hospital. The physicians appeared to be puzzled by my symptoms, but began treating me for acute dyspepsia. I soon began to feel sharp pains in my back and just above my right thigh. Then I was treated for inflammatory rheumatism. One day I detected on my back, about two inches to the right of the spine, a small swelling just where I had felt the sharp pains. All at once I thought of the cases I had heard of where needles had worked through the human body and finally been removed. Then for the first time I told the doctors about the pins I had swallowed. The lump on my back inflamed rapidly and swelled up like a boil. Ten days after I discovered it the doctors lanced it and pulled out one of the pins. The next day two more of the pins were removed. The other two pins were taken out three weeks later from just above my right thigh. I feel much better now and my appetite is good.

Cooked Alive.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Oct. 21.—George Kunsly, while at work here on Saturday tending a tank of boiling horse flesh, fell in. He sank until only his head remained above the simmering surface. He drew himself out, tore off his clothes and threw himself into the river. Insane from his terrible suffering, he left the water and ran toward town entirely naked. He was finally caught and brought home in a wagon. The skin stuck to everything that touched his body, coming off in great flakes. Cooked alive, he still lives, but can not recover.

Fire in a Steamer's Hold.

GALVESTON, TEX., Oct. 21.—The iron steamship Atachia of Sunderland, England, plying between Galveston and Liverpool, was discovered to be on fire Sunday afternoon while lying in the harbor. The Atachia has been loading cotton for several days past and has 2,300 bales aboard. The fire had been burning several hours before it was discovered. Four tugs are now flooding the hold in which cotton and coal are burning fiercely. While working on the vessel last night a fireman fell from a barge and was drowned.

SULLIVAN'S FUNERAL.

The Imposing Procession Unequaled in Dublin's History.

DUBLIN, Oct. 21.—The funeral of the late A. M. Sullivan took place Sunday. It was largely attended. Nearly all the House of Commons members of Parliament were among those present. Parnell was unable to attend, owing to an illness which confined him to his room. The procession which escorted the remains to Glasnevin Cemetery, where the body was interred, was enormous and unequalled in the history of Dublin.

Resumed, but Wages Reduced.

AUGUSTA, GA., Oct. 21.—The Enterprise Factory, shut down for six weeks, has commenced running on full time. The Augusta and King mills are running on full time. Wages have been reduced twenty-five per cent. The three mills employ eighteen hundred hands. The Sibley mill, which employs six hundred hands, is putting in additional machinery. The Algernon mill is also running. Some other small mills, shut down for several weeks, will soon commence running at reduced rates.

The Tichborne Claimant Free.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Tichborne claimant was released from prison to-day. Although the release was premature, crowds of friends were waiting at the prison to receive him. The rumor that the Government would discharge him from prison a day or two previous to the 24th inst., in order to prevent a demonstration on the paving, kept them on the lookout for the release of their friend.

Relief Fund.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Commissary General MacFie has submitted his annual report for the fiscal year. Aggregate resources of the year, \$4,258,481; expenditures, \$3,317,224; leaving a balance of \$1,041,257. There was on hand \$2,237 of the amount appropriated for the relief of the sufferers from the Ohio River, and \$5,151 of appropriation for sufferers from the overflow of the Mississippi River.

Furious Forest Fires.

EAST TAWAS, MICH., Oct. 21.—Forest fires broke out yesterday back of Tawas City and to the north of this place, at the head of Tawas Lake, and are spreading rapidly. Everything is dry and the flames are driven by a furious gale.

"Public Morality."

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Felix Adler, the well known Hebrew orator preacher, advised his hearers yesterday to refrain, on the grounds of public morality from voting for either Blaine or Cleveland.

CONDENSED NEWS.

THREE counterfeiters and 93 of spurious coin were captured in an old ice-house two miles south of Troy, Ohio.

A LARGE fire almost destroyed the village of Carthage, in Jefferson County, New York. Six blocks in the business portion were burned. Loss \$200,000.

A BERNE dispatch says the Grand Hotel, containing three hundred rooms, at Lauterbrunnen, was burned. The loss is a million and a half francs.

THE fire story at 170 Duane street, New York, burned. Loss \$75,000. Belonged to Lorillard estate and occupied by Gantz, Jones & Co., chemicals and groceries.

MISS ANITA R. KIRKLAND, the daughter of Acting Commodore Kirkland, of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, died Monday morning of consumption, aged twenty-two years.

DURING the present week, or the next week, at farthest, a very interesting suit between the Buffalo Lubricating Oil Company and H. B. and C. M. Everests will be tried in Supreme Judge Childs' court.

A FIRE broke out in a warehouse in Moscow Sunday and completely gutted four warehouses, causing a loss of a million dollars. A couple of theaters near the burned buildings in which performances were going on were endangered, and the plays brought to an abrupt termination.